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**B.A. (Hons) PHILOSOPHY
Syllabus
Choice Based Credit System
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CBCS SYLLABUS
B.A. (Honours)
FIRST YEAR
SEMESTER-I

Paper-I: General Philosophy

Full Marks: 100 [Mid Sem 20+End Sem 80] Credit Points: 6 No. of classes: 60

- UNIT-I:** Definition, Nature and Function of Philosophy; Its Relation with Other Modes of Thinking, Such as Ordinary, Religious, Moral, Logical and Scientific.
- UNIT-II:** Problems of Being: Monism, Dualism and Pluralism; Idealism and Realism
- UNIT-III:** Problems of Knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism and Criticism
- UNIT-IV:** Problems of Value: Fact and Value; Good and Evil; Beautiful and Ugly; Objectivity of Values
- UNIT-V:** Problems of Philosophy: Substance: Universals; Causality; Freewill

Basic Study Materials

1. G.T.W. Patrick, *Introduction to Philosophy*
2. G.W. Cunningham, *Problems of Philosophy*
3. Bertrand Russell, *Problems of Philosophy*
4. Richard Taylor, *Metaphysics*
5. D.W. Hamlyn, *Metaphysics*
6. S.Chakrabarti, *An Introduction to General philosophy*
7. J.N. Sinha, *An Introduction to Philosophy*

Paper-II: Symbolic Logic

Full Marks: 100 [Mid Sem 20 + End Sem 80] Credit Points: 6 No. of classes: 60

- UNIT-I:** Chapters I and II
- UNIT-II:** Chapter III (Section 1 to 5)
- UNIT-III:** Chapter III (Section 6 to 9)
- UNIT-IV:** Chapter V Elements of predicate Calculus (Section 1 to 7)
- UNIT-V:** Appendix
TEXT: *An Introduction to Symbolic Logic* by A.H. Basson and D.J. O'Conner

Basic Study Materials

1. A.H. Basson and D.J. O'Conner, *An Introduction to Symbolic Logic*
2. M.R. Cohen and E. Nagel, *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method*
3. L.Sushan Stebbing, *A Modern Elementary Logic*

SEMESTER-II

Paper-III: Systems of Indian Philosophy

Full Marks: 100 [Mid Sem 20 + End Sem 80] Credit Points: 6 No. of classes: 60

- UNIT-I:** Common Characteristics of Indian Philosophy
Carvaka Materialism; Jainism: *Syadvada*; *Anekantavada*
- UNIT-II:** Buddhism: The Noble Truths; Doctrine of Dependent Origination; Doctrine of Momentariness. Doctrine of no Soul.
- UNIT-III:** Samkhya: *Purusa*; *Prakrti*; Causality and evolution
Yoga: *Cittavrtti* and its *Nirodha*; *Astangika Marga*
- UNIT-IV:** Nyaya: *Pramanas*
Vaiesika: *Padarthas*
- UNIT-V:** Samkara and Ramanuja: Brahman, Atman, *Jagat*, *Maya*, *Bondage and Liberation*.

Basic Study Materials

1. S.C. Chatterji and D.M. Datta, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
2. C.D. Sharma, *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*
3. M. Hiriyanna, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*
4. R.K. Puligandla, *Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy*
5. S. Radhakrishnan, *Indian Philosophy*, Volumes I and II

Paper-IV: Philosophy of Language

Full Marks: 100 [Mid Sem 20+End Sem 80] Credit Points: 6 No. of classes: 60

- UNIT-I:** Word Meaning; Ambiguity; Vagueness
- UNIT-II:** Definition: Defining and Accompanying Characteristics; Scope of Definition; Causal, Stipulative, Reportive, Real, Persuasive, Ostensive definitions
- UNIT-III:** Sentence meaning, Criteria of Sentence meaning, Referential, Ideational, Behavioral and Use View of Meaning
- UNIT-IV:** Analytic and Synthetic; *A priori* and *A posteriori*; Synthetic-*A priori*; Logical Possibility
- UNIT-V:** Concept: Nature and Source; Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and What Works; Knowledge: Sources

Basic Study Materials

1. John Hospers, *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*
2. W.P. Alston, *Philosophy of Language*